

SENATE BILL 2740

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 34; Title 7, Chapter 52 and Title 7, Chapter 82, relative to charitable programs operated by utilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-34-115, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (i)(4):

(4) No municipality operating a municipal utility system shall increase any customer's utility bill by rounding up, or by any other method, as a means of collecting contributions for a charitable purpose without first obtaining written consent for such activity from the customer.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-52-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (e)(3):

(3) No municipality operating an electric plant shall increase any customer's utility bill by rounding up, or by any other method, as a means of collecting contributions for a charitable purpose without first obtaining written consent for such activity from the customer.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-82-304, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (b)(4):

(3) No utility district created under the provisions of this chapter, or any private act of the general assembly, shall increase any customer's utility bill by rounding up, or by any other method, as a means of collecting contributions for a charitable purpose without first obtaining written consent for such activity from the customer.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

